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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR 6 TEENAGE SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN FRANCE ARE BEING ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE A COMPETITION IN HONOR OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE COMPETITION IS TO BE IN ANY FIELD WHICH DEMONSTRATES FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS (I.E. ART, MUSIC, A DISSERTATION, ETC.)

2. A BOARD IS BEING SET UP TO LOOK AT THESE VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DETERMINE THE WINNERS. BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS, PLUS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF FACEE AND A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY CULTURAL STAFF.

3. FIVE OR SIX WINNERS WILL BE GIVEN AN 8-DAY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES PAID FOR BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE MINISTRY IS THINKING IN TERMS OF 2 DAYS IN BOSTON, 2 DAYS IN WASHINGTON, AND 3 DAYS IN NEW YORK.

4. AS MATTER STANDS, GROUP WOULD LEAVE FRANCE SEPTEMBER 7, ARRIVING IN BOSTON ON THE 8TH AND WOULD REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THE 16TH.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE

ANY HELP WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER AGEN-
CIES COULD GIVE IN ORGANIZING THE STAY OF THESE 5 OR 6
STUDENTS. WHILE VISIT WILL BE SOMEWHAT TOURISTIC.
MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO GET GROUP TOGETHER WITH AMERICANS
OF THEIR OWN AGE GROUP AND HAVE THEM VISIT AMERICAN
SCHOOLS, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE OPEN AT THIS PARTICULAR
TIME.
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